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NEWS OF THE WAR.

General Review of the Situation in Athens and on Frontier.

LONDON, April 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Patras, dated Tuesday evening, says: "The Greeks have suffered their first great reverse in Epirus, and the situation has changed with startling suddenness. When I last telegraphed the Turks were in full and disorderly retreat towards Janina, and the Greeks were joyously advancing. For some unaccountable reason the absurdly inadequate force of only 1,000 men was detached from Philippada to seize Pentepagadia. On entering Pentepagadia some irregulars by mistake fired upon the Greeks. During the confusion which followed 6,000 Turkish infantry arrived from Janina, and instantly attacked the Greeks. A desperate and bloody hand to hand encounter ensued. The Turks uttered demoniacal yells, and showed the greatest ferocity, while the Greeks, who had been without food all night long, and were terribly out-numbered, were taken at considerable disadvantage.

An hour after the fight began two companies of Turks occupied a hill on the Greek flank and opened a deadly fire. The Greeks broke in confusion and fled in hideous panic. With the greatest difficulty their officers rallied them and led them back to the front, where they renewed the battle against overpowering odds.

Major Commandaro commanded the line. All day he fought in the front line. Two horses were shot under him, and he was twice wounded, but seemed to bear a charmed life. A Greek lieutenant, an Italian volunteer and five privates rushed upon the Turks. Five of the seven dropped dead before they got anywhere near the enemy and the sixth was wounded. Another private when the Greeks fled, fought two Turks from behind a rock for five hours until he was killed.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the Greek ammunition failed. The men were faint from want of food and the retreat was sounded.

A second Greek force of infantry, cavalry and field artillery, advancing by another road, arrived an hour too late. This also retreated in great disorder. The Turks now hold Pentepagadia, which might, however, be attacked by artillery. The Greeks are greatly depressed and discouraged.

The retreat is much discussed here, and no one can explain it, except upon the hypothesis that there was a risk of the Turks disembarking a force at Preveza and so cutting off our escape. The Greeks were suffered a reverse; but Greek honor is not lost."

LONDON, April 29.—Matters at Athens are likely to remain unchanged until the ministerial crisis is settled, when overtures from the powers to intervene are expected. The Sultan said he would be willing to listen to terms. The downfall of the Deliyannis cabinet is taken for granted, though it has not actually occurred. M. Itali who is likely to succeed M. Deliyannis is equally keen for war.

Little or nothing seems to be known in Athens or reported here as to the movements of the Greek fleet. The only news of actual fighting in progress comes from Velistino, which commands the road to Volo. Possibly this indicates the intention of the Turks to march southwards. It is said Edhem Pasha sent a white flag to Volo with the assurance that the Turkish troops would inflict no damage upon the city or citizens. There seems little doubt, therefore, that he intends to occupy Volo. The Greek forces now extend in a fourteen mile line from Pharsalos to Velistino. Pharsalos commands the pass and the road leading to Athens by way of Larissa. A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Constantinople, says there is no official confirmation of the report that Turkish cavalry occupied Volo and Trikala but the main body of the Greek army had fallen behind the old frontier line at Ohry's Mountains, and the Greek squadron was confined in the Gulf of Arta by the Turkish forts.

Constantinople, April 30.—The report that Osman Pasha is on the way to Janina, Epirus, with 30,000 additional Turkish troops is confirmed.

STAFF CHANGED.

Athens, April 30.—The headquarters of the staff of the Greek army at Pharsalos have been completely changed. Gen. Macus and Colonel Saponatzakis, Matropas and Antonides have resigned and started for Athens.

PATRONIZING APPROVAL.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—Count Muraviev, Russian minister of foreign affairs, and Count Golichowski, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, dispatched identical notes to Russian and Austrian representatives in Belgrade, Serbia, Bulgaria, Bucharest, Roumania, and Cetinje, Montenegro, expressing satisfaction at the correct attitude which the governments of these countries assume during the present crisis, and adding this attitude harmonizes all the more with the wishes of the two sovereigns, the Czar and Emperor Francis Joseph, as the universal peace, and the principle of status quo.

GREEK VOLUNTEERS.

Alexandria, Egypt, April 30.—Four hundred Greek volunteers sailed to-day for Athens, and a thousand more leave for the Greek capital to-morrow on a special steamer.

TURKEY VI TOBACCO.

Constantinople, April 30.—The Turkish government has issued the following announcement: "Far from being repulsed at Velistino, ten miles west of Volo, the imperial troops continue the victorious march forward."

VELO CAPTURED.

LONDON, April 30.—The Evening News publishes a dispatch from Constantinople, dated today, saying the Turkish cavalry occupied Volo yesterday evening. The dispatch adds ten days delay has been granted the Greeks who are desirous of leaving Constantinople.

GREEKS ON THE RUN.

Constantinople, April 30.—A dispatch received here from the Turkish military commander at Janina, announces that Mutapha Pasha's brigade, yesterday occupied the heights commanding Nicheste and Kervansairi, beyond Pentepagadia, whereupon the Greek troops in that vicinity retired.

THE POWERS HANG BACK.

Athens, May 3.—The diplomatic situation may be summed up as follows: No request for mediation has been or will be addressed by Greece to the powers, until the minister of war and marine reports on the state of the Greek forces in Pharsalos and elsewhere. The powers have not offered to mediate, although they did not conceal that a request for intervention would be highly acceptable to them. The minister for foreign affairs, M. Skouloudis, says the military situation is greatly improved both in Epirus and Thessaly and the victory of the Greeks over the Turks at Velistino was brilliant.

Athens, May 3.—The minister of war and marine left Pharsalos for Athens, after a long conference with Prince Constantine at the headquarters of the staff. A dispatch from Arta says the Turks have occupied the bridge at Lenos.

REPORT FROM ARTA.

Athens, May 3.—Advice from Arta says the chief local authorities and one hundred inhabitants of that place have returned there. The panic, however, still prevails in Arta. All stores are closed and military authorities are said to be contemplating further withdrawals of Greek troops in that vicinity. In the direction of Philippada flames are visible. Armed Greek priests have been attempting to restore the morale of the troops at Arta by preaching a crusade against the Turks in the public square.

A TRUCE OFFERED.

LONDON, May 3.—A special dispatch from Athens announces that Edhem Pasha has sent an officer with a flag of truce to Greek headquarters, asking for an armistice of five days. Another dispatch from Athens says it is again reported that Bulgarian irregulars, to the number of about 200 men, crossed the frontier into Macedonia.

VIRDEN.

Mrs. Dowling, of Souris, is spending a few days with her daughter here this week.

Messrs. Geo. Reid and Chas. Smith started work on Dr. Stevenson's residence on Monday.

The first threshing of 1897 was done last week by W. D. Craig's machine on the farm of John Mooney, sr.

Mr. J. Wilson, of the Lenore district, had the misfortune to lose his stables by fire last week. He lost a driving horse, yearling colt, four calves, grain and feed.

During the prairie fire south of here last Sunday, Mr. John Cramp had his stables and contents and an oat stack burnt. J. Buck lost a hay stack; C. Bowen, hams and stable.

Mrs. McVicar, mother of Mrs. R. H. Best, who has been visiting friends in Winnipeg and Southern Manitoba for some time, returned last week and will reside here for the present.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Not-Wester:—

Owing to an official time being taken of generating pressure at the test of the McRobie fire extinguisher on Thursday last it was deemed advisable to give another test, and yesterday afternoon a number of gentlemen representing the Dominion and local public works departments, the city council, school board, board of fire underwriters and a number of interested parties assembled at the central fire hall. The apparatus was placed in front of the hall and the hose, 100 feet in length, was carried to the top of the tower. Chief Rogers was selected to announce the pressure on the gauge, and every one who had a watch was timekeeper. Everything being ready, the word "go" was given, the trip pulled, and in less than seven seconds Chief Rogers called out in quick succession "twenty, forty, sixty, eighty pounds," and in less than fifteen seconds "a hundred pounds," and continued calling out "a hundred and twenty, a hundred and forty, a hundred and sixty, a hundred and eighty pounds," so quickly that it was impossible to follow him. When the nozzle was opened at "a hundred and eighty pounds" every one exclaimed "not half a minute yet." The machine was then throwing a strong stream over the flag pole on top of the how tower. Considering the weight of the liquid thrown up and the high wind which the stream was exposed to at that height, the performance of the extinguisher was highly spoken of by all present, and was considered without the shadow of a doubt far ahead of anything they had seen.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Windsor, April 27.—A train of 35 cars of salt manufactured at the Canadian Salt Works, Windsor, left for the Northwest today. This is the first entire salt train that ever left Windsor.

Stratford, April 27.—The case of Dr. J. G. Yomen, charged with murder, was concluded at the police court this afternoon. After hearing the addresses of counsel, the police magistrate announced that owing to the lengthy evidence he would have to take time to review it and would give his decision in the course of a week. Yomen in the meantime was remanded to jail.

Toronto, April 29.—The wholesale grocery establishment of H. P. Eckhart & Co., 19 Front street east, is on fire. The stock is valued at \$150,000, and it is likely that the fire and water will cause a loss amounting to half of this amount. The fire started at 1:45 p.m. Fireman Thomas Spence was overcome by smoke and is still unconscious.

Toronto, April 29.—The World's Montreal correspondent says: "Laurier will step down from the premiership and let Mr. Fielding lead rather than allow the school question to destroy the Liberal party." This was the remark made today by a gentleman well up in ministerial circles who has just returned from Ottawa and was discussing the situation with party friends. He states the school question and far as Catholics are concerned and Quebec will slip away from Laurier. This, however, would not be fatal to Laurier; and Tarte's idea of dissolution might be carried out, if it were supposed the Catholic bishops of the English speaking provinces would cast in their lot with their confederates in French Canada; but the government does not count on anti-Catholic current against them and consequently this gentleman says if the papal decision against them Laurier will retire and Mr. Fielding take command of the ministerial forces.

Vancouver, Apr. 129.—On Tuesday night a boat was seen tossing about in Boundary Bay, near Point Roberts, but no one appeared to be in it. Yesterday some fishermen put out to it and discovered lying at the bottom, perfectly nude, a man in an unconscious condition. It the boat was a suit of clothes, but far too small for the man. The man was a mass of bruises and though he has since recovered consciousness he has lost his reason, so no particulars can be learned regarding the strange affair. In the boat was a trunk containing papers which showed the owner's name was John Burns, that he was a native of Hamburg, but a British subject and owner of some land near Victoria.

Toronto, April 29.—J. D. King and wife are separated owing to quarrels, but King is said to have threatened to shoot her. This afternoon he met her in the Arcade and an altercation took place outside the real estate office of John Poucher. Thinking he was about to assault his wife Poucher went to her assistance, whereupon King drew a revolver and fired point blank at Poucher's head. Happily Poucher was able to strike King's arm, and the bullet flattened itself on the iron grider behind. King was locked up.

Virden, April 29.—At the Conservative convention to-day there was a good representation from all parts of the district. James C. Simpson was the unanimous choice as candidate.

Ottawa, May 1.—In reference to the supreme court of Canada, regarding the right of the Canadian parliament to enact sections 275 and 276 of the criminal code, dealing with bigamy, the judges confirm the sections as intra vires. Sir Henry Strong alone dissenting. By this ruling any party who has been married in this country and then goes over to the States for the purpose of being divorced, returning to Canada, is guilty of a bigamous act and is liable to the penalty inflicted for the same. The chief justice holds that certain portions of the sections were intra vires. A reference was submitted to the court some months ago, and a very knotty point is cleared up, which will have an important bearing in cases of this nature in the future.

A HAIL PREVENTER.

LONDON, May 3.—A special dispatch to the morning paper gives an account of a hail dispersing experiment at Annberg, Austria. An Austrian owned extensive vineyards situated on the southern slope of the mountains, a locality often visited by destructive hail storms. He tried galvanised wire netting, but this was too expensive and he decided to install a battery and a test plan of causing explosion to drive off hail storms. He erected six stations on the prominent mountain summit commanding a territory of about two miles in extent. Each station consisted of ten meters and corps of volunteers hurried to them. The practical test is thus described: "The stationing black clouds made their appearance on the summits of Annberg mountains. At a given signal, all meters were discharged and continuous detonations in a few moments caused a sudden reaction in the movement of the clouds. The cloud wall opened up, funnel like. The mouth of the tunnel began to rise in the form of a conical ring, expanding gradually until all the clouds were scattered and had entirely disappeared. No hail, no even a sudden downpour of rain was felt. The same experiment was again repeated five times in the form of a conical ring, without a single exception, and was successful."

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The Week's Commercial Summary.

Minneapolis is showing enormous shipments of flour.

The world's visible supply of wheat decreased about 3,000,000 bushels last week.

The trade returns for nine months of the present fiscal year were \$184,734,000, nearly ten millions better than last year.

Statistically, the wheat situation is very strong. There is a decrease of about 750,000 bushels in the visible supply in United States and Canada, and a decrease of 1,440,000 bushels in the amount offered to Europe. Taken together the total is 2,190,000 bushels, or about 32,000,000 bushels less than a year ago.

Of the 382,300 square miles which form the area of the Pacific Province, about 285,000 square miles of these are wood lands. In her timber wealth, British Columbia has almost as rich an asset as in mineral resources. The forests of British Columbia. The Douglas fir has obtained the widest fame of the British Columbia woods. Dr. Nansen, whose vessel in the recent famous Arctic expedition, the "Fram," was constructed of Douglas fir, gives to this wood the highest encomiums for strength and elasticity. The red cedar is another famous wood of the Pacific coast and is used chiefly as an interior material. The yellow cedar is also a staple product. Cypress is grown on Vancouver Island and the North Coast. White spruce finds a use in wood pulp manufacture, as well as in making packing cases, of which the salmon canners use, each year, an enormous supply. Among the many excellent cabinet woods in the province are white pine, maple, alder and the arbutus. It is unfortunate that so much of the wood is sent from British Columbia—and this applies almost equally to other parts of Canada—in a comparatively unmanufactured condition. Timber suited to the construction of buildings, public works and other similar uses, must of necessity be exported in a rough condition. But there are many wood products which could be made advantageously in Canada if manufacturers could obtain the necessary information of the market's requirements.

The remarkable light which has been brought forward in Germany and known as the Durr light is declared to be equally capable of use for interior illumination. It is originated by automatic vaporization and condensation of the vapors from ordinary lamp petroleum. The vapors, being converted into gas, when burned yield a light of from 3,500 to 14,000 candle power. The apparatus consists of a tank containing the supply of petroleum, which is removed, sufficiently from the burner to avoid the danger of fire from the flame. The oil is conducted by drops into a burner of special construction, after the latter has been heated for about five minutes by means of oil which is burned in small heating pans furnished with the apparatus. Behind the burner from which the flames issues there is a second burner, which, after the heating of the pans has been removed, continually produces the vapors and heats them to a high temperature, at the same time completely surrounding the first burner with a strong flame. This arrangement is said to make the extinction of the light an impossibility, even in the strongest wind. Fresh air is drawn in between the burner and the external cylinder by the force of the flame rushing out, and by using this air in the burner a smokeless flame results on account of the air supply being heated. The oil used is ordinary No. 100 kerosene, the consumption of which is about 1.2 pints per 1,000 candle power.

Human Oddities.

Sir Joshua Reynolds needed but one sitting when intending to paint a portrait. Sometimes he would not take even that, but would casually glance at the sitter and proceed to paint the portrait.

Gallara, an Arabian giant, who was brought to Rome by the Emperor Claudius to serve in the Imperial body guard, was 9 feet 9 inches high. Play says that he was the tallest man ever seen in Rome.

John Elms is the typical miser of English history. Although worth over \$2,000,000, he hoarded his money, and died of starvation, spending two months of his life in the cell of a prison, and finally dying of want. He was probably insane.

Maxim was the only giant among the Roman Emperors. He was 8 ft. 6 in. high and very heavily built even for that stature. He was a Thracian "barbarian," and rose to the Imperial dignity by military skill and ability.

Michael Angelo seems to have believed that he received some of his most noted inspirations in a dream or vision. In one of his letters he thus alludes to the statue of Moses, and intimates that the idea came to him in a dream.

Philetas, a poet of Cos, in the third century B.C., was of such diminutive size that his acquaintances humorously said of him that he was obliged to carry weights of lead in his clothing to prevent himself from being blown away.

Charles Stratton, better known as Gen. Tom Thumb, was 31 inches high at 25 years of age. His wife was 32 inches high at 21. Their child is said to have been the most minute speck of humanity that probably ever appeared on the earth.

De Piles mentions a blind sculptor who, guided by the sense of touch alone, made a marble statue of Charles I. of England. It is singular, however, that this sculptor is not mentioned, so far as known, by any other writer, and the story may be apocryphal.

Nicholas Saunders, the blind professor at Cambridge, was almost preternaturally gifted in the sense of touch. By this faculty alone he could distinguish counterfeit from genuine metals and money, and could tell, by the grain, of what wood a table was made.

Mr. T. J. Humes, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "I have been afflicted for some time with Kidney and Liver Complaint, and find Parnele's Pills the best medicine for these diseases. These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required. They are Gelatine Coated, and rolled in the Flour of Leicore to preserve their purity, and give them a pleasant agreeable taste."

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

HERE IS THE NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Findings from all Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Arranged for Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Mrs. John Brown, a widow of Orono, committed suicide by hanging.

The T. H. & B. station at Smithville was struck by lightning and burned.

Mr. James Belth has been appointed collector of customs at Bowmanville.

Mr. A. D. Hardy, of Brantford, will succeed Judge Jones as County Judge of Brant.

Mr. Wm. Lethbridge, of Fingal, fell out of his wagon, was run over and killed.

Mr. Charles Moss, Q.C., has been appointed a Judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Mr. Charles W. Helms, one of the oldest residents of St. Catharines, Ont., died Sunday, aged 89.

Sir Donald Smith, Chancellor of the University of McGill, has promised to endow a chair in zoology.

Lieut. Col. Brown, commander of the 4th Hastings Rifles, was buried at Belleville with military honors.

At Cornwall R. E. Schell was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for forging a promissory note.

A strong effort is being made to induce Mr. Peter White to enter the provincial lists for the forthcoming contest in Quebec.

The Minister of Militia and Col. Kitson are reorganizing the Royal Military College at Kingston and reducing the staff.

Mr. Wellington Boulter was Monday elected Mayor of Picton, Ont., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mayor Carter.

The by-law granting \$25,000 to aid the G.T.R. in building a million-volt elevator was passed at Midland by a large majority.

A steamer to relieve the settlers in distress from floods along the Red River has been sent out by the Manitoba Government.

The franchise of the Lower Town Street Railway of Quebec has been finally sold to the new electric railway company for \$20,000.

The body of Edmund Pelletier, who was drowned in Lake St. Louis, Quebec, in November last, was found floating in the river near Boucherville.

Worms cause fevers, chills, and general debility during sleep. Mother's Friend, Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effective. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

The bungalow for the accommodation of the Canadian team at Bixley is making rapid progress towards completion, and will be a decided ornament to the camp.

Floods continue to do much damage in Quebec, many houses being inundated at Murray Bay and a hundred thousand bags being set adrift at River Etchemin.

Dr. Reid, of South Grenville, has given notice of a bill in the House of Commons to regulate railway freight rates. He proposes the establishment of a commission.

A Scotchman named A. G. McKenzie was found dead in his bed in a hotel in Lindsay, Ont., Monday. No inquiry was held, as death was due to natural causes.

A Haldimand township farmer named Hiram Jarvis was stopped by two highwaymen and relieved of all the money in his possession, \$65. There is no clue to the thieves.

The charges of partisanship, and neglect of duty against Captain Dunn of the government engineer Peter began before Commissioner Reager at Owen Sound on Saturday night.

The eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. Wm. S. Trott, of Carleton Place, was burned to death on Thursday, her clothing having ignited while she was playing around a bonfire.

Is there anything more annoying than having your ears stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting freed of it? Holbrook's Ears Cure will do it. Try it and be convinced.

Mr. Allan, of Kingston, has arrived in Ottawa as the advance guard of a deputation to wait upon the Government to urge the erection of the new drill-shed in the Limestone City.

Mayor Eingham, of Ottawa, has been appointed by the Pope Chevalier of the Holy Sepulchre. This confers upon the Mayor the right to wear a black coat and a pair of green breeches.

In a few days a representative of the Canadian Post-Office Department will have an interview in Washington with the postal authorities regarding the transportation of mails in Alaska.

A. G. Ypman, a Stratford dentist, was arrested on a charge of supplying drugs and instruments for an illegal operation on Mrs. Roland Buchanan, who died of the effects of the operation on Saturday.

A woman named Mrs. Sutton, of Hamilton, is in gaol in that city on the charge of assault. She cut her husband's throat with a knife, and the doctors had to put several stitches in it to close the wound.

A gang of Italian laborers were brought from Buffalo to the new race track, but Canadian laborers assembled in force, and drove them back into the boat from which they landed.

Mr. N. C. Ford, town clerk of Simcoe, Ont., one of the oldest residents of that town, died Monday, aged 86. In 1862 Mr. Ford was the Conservative candidate in Norfolk against Mr. Blake, but was defeated.

Ephraim Convey, who is confined in Woodstock jail awaiting trial on the charge of murdering the lad George Frost at Princeton, is falling in health and it is doubtful if he will live until September, when his trial takes place.

At the preliminary hearing of the charges of arson against Chief of the Fire Brigade Stevens and Arthur Bond of Colborne, the evidence was not sufficient to make out a prima facie case, and the accused were accordingly discharged.

The 48th Highlanders, of Toronto, have entered a team of eight men in various events in the Royal military tournament at Islington, Eng., which begins on the 27th prox. They are the only representatives Canada will have at the tournament.

Mrs. Johnson, of Hamilton, sued the T. H. & B. Railway for damages for the death of her husband, and was awarded \$1,500, her infant daughter \$500 and \$300 costs. Mrs. Facer, in an action against the same road for the death of her husband, was awarded \$1,500 damages and \$300 costs.

On Monday night Antoine Cruse and John Ratzell got into an altercation at Barry's Bay, on the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound railway, when Ratzell struck Cruse on the head with a cudgel, crushing in his skull. He now lies in the Ottawa hospital dying. Ratzell has not been arrested.

Lieut. Col. James Brown, of Belleville, died on Saturday, after a long illness, aged 74. Deceased was appointed commanding officer of the 4th Battalion, Hastings Rifles, in 1860, and retained the command up to the time of his death.

A Globe correspondent on the Government relief steamer Assiniboine says that at Morris there is no dry land to be seen, and the river is filled with pieces of property washed away. The farmers are taking desperate chances in some of the flooded districts, perching well their property on the little hillocks.

They Never Fail.—Mrs. S. M. Boughner, Langton, writes: "For about two years I was troubled with inward piles, but by using Parnele's Pills, I was completely cured, and although four years have elapsed since then they have not returned." Parnele's Pills are antibilious and a specific for the cure of Liver and Kidney Complaints, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Headache, Piles, etc., and will regulate the secretions and remove all bilious matter.

UNITED STATES.

The Bridge and Structural Ironworkers' Union of Chicago, have determined to strike for an advance of wages on May day.

An ordinance introduced by the Finance Committee of the Norfolk, Va., City Council provides for the taxation of city newspapers.

In the New York House of Representatives the Anti-Carillon bill was practically killed by the adoption of amendments declaring that malice must be proved.

Joseph Kelly, who murdered the cashier of the Somersworth, N.H., bank, arrived in Somersworth on Friday, and on Saturday pleaded guilty to the charge of murder.

Dean John Raymond French, vice-chancellor of Syracuse University, died Monday, at the age of seventy-two. He was regarded as one of the best mathematicians in the world.

There is danger in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption during their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, before it was too late, their lives would have been saved. This medicine has no equal for curing colds, coughs and all affections of the throat and lungs.

FOREIGN.

Muzaffer-ed-Din, the Shah of Persia, is alarmingly ill.

It is rumored at Athens that the Crown Prince Constantine has fled to Valo.

Most of the London daily papers speak approvingly of the new Dominion tariff.

The weather in London and on the Continent was cheerless and bitterly cold last week.

A small torpedo boat, the Turbulin, in her speed trials at Newcastle, has developed 32 1/2 knots.

Pietro Acciarito, the man who attempted to stab King Humbert on Thursday, has been declared insane.

Lord and Lady Warwick will give a garden party on June 2nd. More than five thousand guests are to be invited.

Dr. John Watson (an American), who is charged with heresy, says he will not recant but will fight the case to the bitter end.

Emperor William does not believe the Turkish-Greek war will remain localized very long, and that the principal European powers will be involved.

The Blackwell tunnel, which has been completed at the cost of a million and a quarter sterling, will be inaugurated by the Prince of Wales on May 22nd.

An attempt has been made to assassinate the President of Uruguay. He was shot at, but the bullet missed its mark. The President's assailant was arrested.

The rumor circulated in London on Saturday that the Duchess of Devon died during her confinement was entirely unfounded. The Duchess is enjoying good health.

Dr. Peters, the German African Administrator, has been found guilty of cruelty and dismissed from the Imperial service, and condemned to pay the costs of the trial.

The battle fought between the Turkish and Greek troops on the plain beneath Milospa has proved adverse to the Greeks, who have had to abandon Larissa and Tyrnava.

The case against Lieut. Eloff, the grandson of President Kruger, who was charged with slandering the Queen, has been dismissed on the ground that the evidence was conflicting.

It is learned that the visit of the eight British warships to Delagoa bay was intended to frustrate the intrigues of Germany, Portugal and the Transvaal to change the status quo to the disadvantage of Great Britain.

The London Times, referring to the Dominion tariff, says the departure of Canada is most gratifying to all who desire to see the Empire more closely knit together. But the Daily News says that Minister Fielding is under a complete delusion if he really supposes that preferential duties to benefit the colonies will be adopted in England.

Totally Deaf.—Mrs. S. E. Crandell, Port Perry, writes: "I contracted a severe cold last winter, which resulted in my becoming totally deaf in one ear and partially so in the other. After trying various remedies, and consulting several doctors, without obtaining any relief, I was advised to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I warmed the Oil and put a little of it into my ear, and before one-half the bottle was used my hearing was completely restored. I have heard of other cases of deafness being cured by the use of this medicine."

A SOCIAL LION.

He Promised to Appear Brilliant and Did His Level Best.

Every one knows that I am modest. Perhaps the great world is not aware, however, of the fact that I am bashful as well. I do not like to put myself forward publicly before either large or small audiences. This peculiarity, together with an aversion to killing ducks, will eventually prevent my becoming president of the United States. However, let that pass. The little lady and myself were invited to an evening's amusement at the Blakes'.

The Blakes are nice people who make you dress up and go out somewhere on cold, chilly evenings when you would much prefer to be burning the soles of your socks before your own grate fire. On account of my extreme bashfulness I am usually an incubus on such occasions. But this does not satisfy the little lady. She says it makes people wonder how she ever came to marry such a perfect fool as I am. At any rate, she made me promise to make a stab at trying to pretend I was brilliant, and that evening she made me promise to do everything I was asked to do and take part in all the festivities. She was sorry afterward. But I did the best I could, as you shall see.

Well, there was a fair, pale young girl from the city at the Blakes' that evening. She had received her education abroad and thumped the piano with both hands. She also spoke French without consulting the dictionary even and anon and was an excellent pianist. I was very much interested, trying to look as graceful as possible under the circumstances, when the fair, pale young girl swung herself around the orbit of the piano stool and asked me if I wouldn't sing. Now, I can't sing. I don't know one tune from another, with the exception of "Old Hundred," and I only know that because it is so short. Naturally I was just going to decline when I thought of my promise to the little lady. I wouldn't break a promise to her for anything in this world.

"With pleasure," I answered the fair, pale young girl, and stepped briskly to her side. She told me afterward that the little lady fainted when I did this. A woman always knows when to faint.

"Do you read at sight?" asked the fair, pale young girl.

"Entirely by sight," I answered, wondering if there were people who read with their ears.

"I am so glad," she lisped. "I have here an aria that I brought with me from abroad. It is for a baritone voice, and I am sure it will please you. Let's begin at once."

With that she began playing. Now I wasn't fool enough to begin singing right off. I knew that there is always a little salute, as one might say, on the piano before the singer begins. I also knew that you sing up or down according as the notes run up or down on the telegraph wires with which they print music. I knew, moreover, that the singer begins when the pianist commences to play "thump—thump, thump—thump—thump, thump," etc. So when she played in that sort of a way I began, and I sang right through to the end. I would have been singing yet if she hadn't stopped playing, for I got so tangled up in that Sahara of notes, telegraph poles and wires that I had no idea where I was at. I did not get much applause. And the fair, pale young girl went out of the room and had hysterics right alongside of my fainting wife. The rest of the women went to take care of her, and the men looked glum. I will say that Blake did his duty as a host, though. He said I had a tremendously strong voice. And I think he was right, for they heard it up at the presbytery, thought it was an alarm of fire and turned out with Old Red No. 1 and a gallon of whisky to put the fire out. When I heard this, I went out and joined the brave firemen.—Tom Hall in Truth.

A Good Lady.

Little Girl (entering visitor until her mother comes in)—My mamma is a good lady.

Visitor (interested)—Yes, my dear. But why do you say so now?

Little Girl—Tense when you come she said her prayers.

Visitor (indignant)—And what did she say?

Little Girl—Dead Lord deliver us.—Truth.

Cruel Injustice.

"The charge against you, prisoner," said the magistrate, "is that you were caught in the act of purchasing haberdashery."

"It ain't so, y'r honor," sniveled the subject wretch, "an' deez knows it. All I wuz doin' wuz stealin' neckties."—Chicago Tribune.

Misnamed.

"Lemme see. That play of yours was called 'A Cup of Tea,' wasn't it?"

"It was," admitted the reticent comedian, "but it ought to have been called 'A Cup of Coffee.' At any rate, a few eggs settled it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Pat's Anxiety.

Doctors—Now, Pat, I'll cure you if you'll only take the medicine I prescribe.

Pat—Go ahead, son. O'f'm that anxious to be well ag'in that O'f'm take yer medicine av'n if O'f'm would kill me.—Philadelphia Record.

She Looked It.

Dora—That Miss Passer's great-grandfather came over in the Mayflower.

Flores—Did she come with him?—Brooklyn Life.

The Useful Compliment.

Always pay a compliment whenever it is possible. You may want to borrow money some day.—Somerville Journal.

Legerdemain.

"What's the 'urry, Jimmy?"

"Can't stop, sonny. Just been 'elpin' a conjuror chap make a old gent's gold watch disappear.—Pick Me Up.

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Bright's Disease of the Kidneys Baffled the World's Most Eminent Medical Authorities until

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Only a few days ago Sir Hercules Robinson, the doughty Governor of Cape Colony, was forced to resign that post because of encroaching Bright's Disease.

Hardly had his successor been appointed when the wires brought tidings of the death of William P. St. John, a New York banker, and remembered by every one as the treasurer of the National Democratic party during the last national campaign. Bright's Disease carried him off.

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Police Cruelty.

Aunt Hetty—My! Some of them New York policemen are fearful brutal.

Uncle Josh—What have they been doin' now?

Aunt Hetty—Here's an account of a poor unfortunate man that says they pinched him.—Puck.

MAN AND WIFE IN DISTRESS

From Chronic Catarrh—But Instantaneous Relief Follows the First Application of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder—Don't Neglect the Simplest Cure in the World. It May Develop Into This Disgusting Malady Before You Can Realize It.

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"I'll tell you what we'll do," said Weary Willie, a larrikin diplomat; "I'll bury the hatchet."—New York Journal.

HEART'S HEALER.

Mrs. Muggler, wife of Capt. Charles Muggler, of Sydney, C.B., told Relief in 30 Minutes From Heart Disease of Four Years' Standing, and Declared She Owe Her Life to Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart.

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THE MAIL.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1897.

VALEDICTORY.

To the Public:

As we intimated in our last issue, with to-day's paper, the Mail ceases to be a separate institution, its list of subscribers, good will of the publication, and all publication franchises having passed into the hands of the other two city papers. Various reasons are accountable for this; but the chief one is the conclusion we can use the money employed in the business to better advantage in a town in British Columbia.

The editorial management was commenced by the undersigned in Sept., 1883, within a year after the commencement of the publication, and continued by him ever since. As all readers of the paper and others know, for many years the paper was a strong supporter of the Conservative party as it existed, always hoping by the way the pledges as to the tariff and other matters made on taking office in 1878, would be duly carried out. When some four years ago it became apparent that these promises would not be observed, and other methods of business crept into the policy of the party, that a careful observer of the trend of public sentiment could not fail to see, we warned the party of the certain disaster that was sure to overtake its apparently fixed resolution. As a well wisher of the party, because of its half a century's service to the country, when the honored dead, whose first consideration in official harness was the welfare of the country, controlled its destinies, we were prepared to forego considerable; but we saw no other course open to us but to take an independent stand when their policy was ignored; and for this a foul conspiracy with the Hon. T. M. Daly at the head of it was concocted, and set in operation to wreck the paper. For a short time the design was successful, the publisher losing some \$2,500 in the hostility. We take it the principals in the game are satisfied, and if so, overlooking the loss we sustained we have no cause for complaint. The Mail was then resumed under another proprietor, but the same editorial management, and since it has endeavored to pursue a strictly independent course. We could not endorse the badly degenerated policy of the Conservative party, and nothing but a blind, unqualified support, entirely free of suggestions that judgment and discretion would devise, would suffice to appease the leaders. This course lost the paper the support of some of its old time friends.

On the other hand there was the Liberal party making many promises as to the respect for proper provincial recognition, economy in administration, a wiping out of the protective features of the tariff, that the Conservatives on taking office twenty years ago promised after a few years' operation to discard, and other advances to suit the advanced growth of the country. In office it does not appear all opposition pledges are likely to materialize. There was then no course open for the Mail, but one of strict independence, and there does not appear to be the field for that just yet to ensure the financial returns the publisher felt he required.

We have no doubt that by putting more capital into plant, enlarging the publication, improving our news columns and making the paper in every way a superior newspaper, leaving independent criticism to work its own heaven from time to time, a good paying business could eventually be secured; but the conviction that an equally good paying business with less capital invested, and less mental labor, can be secured in another field, the proprietor has decided to take up the latter.

We are fully aware that during the life of the paper it has on many occasions given and taken many heavy blows for party and public ends; but those given were invariably directed above the belt. For this reason we are convinced the paper and the editor have many lasting friends throughout the entire northwest, friends who are sensibly enough disposed to regard political battles as public matters only.

Though we are about to sever our connection with newspaper life, especially Manitoba, we are as fully convinced as ever the province has a prosperous future before it, if its material interests are only properly dealt with by proper legislation. We believe there is no country under the sun in which general agriculture can be prosecuted more successfully than in Manitoba and the Territories, all sections of the country with their diversified natural offerings duly considered, and it rests with those at the head of affairs to see that the returns are made profitable. The essential productive capabilities are here if only the opportunities for turning them to proper financial account are secured by those in the position of responsibility. Even easy and extensive production may be rendered unremunerative when affected by restricting conditions. The grain growing, cattle raising and dairy

producing opportunities are here if the attending costs and expenses of marketing are held in reasonable bounds. Reduced customs duties are the first element of success for with them come reduced transport; and with both of the latter secured, farming in the Northwest will prosper, and with the prosperity will come the necessary immigration to fill up the country without heavy financial expenditures.

As far as human foresight can foretell British Columbia has sufficient latent resources to employ a vast amount of labor for all time to come, and that labor will call for extensive agricultural production. Interprovincial trade should then be the first watch-word before international trade, leaving the latter to deal with surpluses only. As we can see matters at present minimizing the cost of production in Manitoba and the Territories and the cost of transport for interprovincial trade should arrest the first consideration of our statesmen as both secure population, for which all nations appear to be especially anxious.

Though in a new field, with interests very different from those of Manitoba, we shall always look back with the kindest recollections on many of the incidents of the past thirteen years and hold in unfading remembrance the many kindnesses extended to us by sympathetic hands during our long connection with the Mail.

Adieu,
C. CLIFFE.

If ever there was humbug and flap doodle in anything it is in Canadian politics. The other day J. M. Douglas, and a "Rev." rooster at that, and member for East Assiniboia, a Patron, and "The farmers' friend" in the House at Ottawa defended the new tariff on agricultural implements as just and equitable, and saddled all the burdens of the farmers on the C.P.R. rates. That is a fine way to defend a government, but mighty poor consolation for the farmer. Does this reverend gentleman know that reduction of duties forces reduction of freight rates—the one achievement accomplishes the double purpose. The very moment the late government abolished lumber duties, that moment the C.P.R. cut its lumber freight rates from Rat Portage. Cut the implement duties to 10 per cent, and you will see the C.P.R. cut their freight rates on implements from Toronto to retain the carrying trade of the Massey-Harris and Sylvester implements to this country. Cut the freight rates, retain the present duties and the manufacturers will only make the more out of it. The hardest man to convince is the man who is so blinded by partisanship, and we very much fear Mr. Douglas is one of these to the back bone.

The World Over.

Houston, Texas, April 30.—For the murder of a negro man and two girls, and the burning of the home of their victims, six negroes last night suffered the death penalty at the hands of a mob of their own race. The mob took from a room at Sunnyside, where they were being guarded, Fayette Rhone, Will Oatis, Lewis Thomas, Aaron Thomas, Jim Thomas and Benny Thomas, the four latter being brothers, and Will Williams, all negroes, and hanged the first six named to a tree. The seventh was hanged, but has disappeared. Several shots were heard shortly after the mob took them from the room, and he may have tried to escape. The negroes all confessed to having murdered Henry Daniels, an old negro; his stepdaughter Maria, and a seven-year-old child. Old man Daniels had the proceeds of a robbery which the Thomas boys had committed, and they demanded it of him under pain of death.

WRECKED VAILLANTE.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 28.—The four rescued survivors of the French Brigantine Vaillante, which struck an iceberg off Grand Banks on April 14 and was foundered, are in a precarious condition at St. Pierre. Three are in a comatose condition, and it is feared one will not live through the night. Their physical and mental sufferings are intense. It was found necessary to amputate the arms and feet of three. Their ears and noses are badly frozen. Their reason is temporarily, if not permanently, gone. They have in distracted recollection of their hardships. It seems from what can be gathered from their cries and ravings that four dories overturned at the moment of the wreck. The men on board the rescued dory were taken from the water almost drowned. These were the first two to perish. The third who died was a young fellow about 18. He made a stubborn fight for life. Four boats were known to have got safely away from the ship, but the captain's boat was the only one afterwards seen by the occupants of the rescued dory. The hardships suffered by the survivors are altogether exceptional. Ordinarily castaways can extract sustenance from leather shoes, but these men had only wooden shoes for footwear. The cold made it impossible for them to navigate the dory, so they were compelled to drift helplessly. The most horrifying incident was cannibalism driven by hunger. For two days the life of the survivors was sustained in this way. Everything possible is being done to find the missing boats, which contained sixty-six men. Outgoing vessels make close search of the waters north and south of St. Johns, but there is little hope of further rescues.

AWFUL DOUBLE MURDER.

Larimore, N. D., May 2.—A double murder took place at the residence of Knute Hillstead, a prominent farmer residing eight miles west, at 1 o'clock this morning. The reporter visited the scene of crime, gleaming the following facts:

August Norman, a young man well known in this section, who had been making his home at Hillstead's off and on, came there yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hillstead being absent. He wanted to stay all night.

About 1 o'clock Norman went to Mrs. Hillstead's room and demanded admission. She blocked the door, and he said he would kill all the family if she did not give in to him. The lady refused, and Norman procured a razor, went upstairs and cut the throat of Peter K. Hillstead, aged 15.

He then went down stairs and tried to get into Mrs. Hillstead's room again, but she blocked the door. He then proceeded to carve the 13 months' son, Thomas, after which he cut the throats of Adolph and Oscar, aged 11 and 3.

He then forced his way into Mrs. Hillstead's bedroom and assaulted her, promising not to kill her and two little girls if she would give in to him. See did so, and thus saved her life and the life of the two daughters. The oldest sons are still alive, with but little hopes of their recovery.

After the crime the murderer stole one of the horses, and is still at large. Before leaving he took all the lights, leaving the family in total darkness. The public is inclined to deal severely with the murderer if caught.

CARBERRY.

R. J. Thurston, H. S. Rolston and John Hanbury, a trio of Brandonites, were in town on Tuesday last. Messrs. Waller & Alley shipped the last of their fat cattle on Tuesday, a bunch of 14, which averaged close on 1,300. G. R. Murphy was the purchaser.

The Windsor races opened on Wednesday, April 21st. In a mile dash on Thursday Alfieri, Mr. Boyd's chestnut horse, ran third. Time 1:16 1/2. While ploughing up an old potato patch last week Cuthbert. Cope came across a hill of potatoes which were perfectly sound and showed no sign of having been affected by the severe frost.

G. B. Murphy made another shipment of fat cattle on Friday. R. F. Lyons supplied 27 head which averaged 1,354 pounds and Robert Dodds brought in 10 nice ones.

A novel bet was made on the election result by two of our prominent citizens whose houses are adjoining, but whose politics are different. The loser is to mow the other's lawn, while the winner sits on his veranda and smokes a Havana purchased by the loser. The lawn is to be kept cut close throughout the summer. We are of the opinion that a good crop of hay can be gathered from the lawn about the middle of July.

The Carberry creamery will commence operations on Monday May 3rd, with Mr. Henry Pigott in charge. Mr. James Ford will have charge of the south route, W. J. Harkness of the Pleasant Point district and John Williams of the Sidney and Arizona territory. The company expect a large increase in the number of patrons this season and are starting up under very favorable auspices, having put in a new boiler and engine with which to operate the machinery.—Express.

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NEW REGIME IN GREECE.

Athens, April 30.—The cabinet has been finally and definitely formed as follows: President of the council of ministers and minister of marine, M. Ralli; minister of interior, M. Theotokis; minister of foreign affairs, M. Skoulioudis; minister of public instruction, M. Autaxias; minister of justice, M. Trautafila; minister of finance, M. Simopoulos; minister of war, Colonel Tsamandis. The new ministry will be sworn immediately.

DOUGLAS.

The spring on the whole has been very favorable for seeding, which is nearly through.

G. W. Mahon has been laid up for a few days with Quinsy.

Mr. Bousfield, of the Brandon creamery, passed through here last week gathering cream for that concern.

The Douglas creamery has been in operation now for two weeks. It would appear that Mr. Greenwood intends to be in the butter market as he has always been in the wheat market, ahead. The price paid so far for cream has been 10 cents, which is from 1 cent to 4 cents higher than any other place in the province. Mr. Greenwood was heard to say the other day that he had several requests from people in the Brandon Hills district and also from the Carberry Plains to go there this season and that he was thinking seriously of the prospect.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a general meeting of the Brandon City Electoral Division Agricultural Society will be held in the Council Chamber, Brandon, on Friday, June 4th, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the transfer of the assets, property, effects and liabilities of the society, to the Western Agricultural and Arts Association of Manitoba, in pursuance of and in accordance with section 35, chapter 50 of the Victoria, Manitoba.

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CLOUD BURST.

Guthrie, Okla., April 28.—At sunrise today a wall of water eight feet high and a mile wide broke upon West Guthrie without warning, drowning scores of people. Every movable thing was swept before the wave which passed on into Canadian river valley, wreaking destruction to life and property wherever it reached. Just how many lives were lost may not be known for weeks, but the list is almost certain to exceed one hundred.

The names of the victims as far as known to-night are—John Beard, H. H. B. Clinger, Lena Burke, J. H. Calhoun, Mrs. Calhoun, Fred Calhoun, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Dunmills, Sammie Jackson, James Lilly, Anna Kaiser, a school teacher, Frank Mayers, Erastus M. Gill, John Metz, Mrs. James Montgomery, Mrs. Wesley M. Gill and M. K. Gill, five children; Mrs. Francis Moore, George Smithers, Jennie Taylor, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Sue Wilson.

For many miles farmers are completely ruined. Bridges and tracks are washed out and railway traffic in every direction is at a standstill. More than a million dollars of damage has been done to property. Efforts of rescuing parties in many cases proved vain, as many persons floated down stream before they could be reached. Their fate is unknown; others had to pass the night in trees in mid stream, or perched on house-tops. Business is wholly suspended in Guthrie, stores and banks being closed. As thorough organization of relief as possible has been made, but all aid is necessarily retarded by the confused condition of things. The river is thirty feet above ordinary level. A heavy rain began falling this afternoon.

It is supposed to have been caused by a cloudburst, supplemented by heavy rains. Cottonwood river, ordinarily a small stream which winds between steep banks at West Guthrie, was full from the heavy rain of yesterday, but no alarm was felt.

The fire alarm was given when the flood was seen approaching. Policemen and others rode all over town near the river warning people to flee for their lives. Some thought the roar was a tornado and sought caves, only to perish a few minutes after. Others stopped to save things until it was too late. Two thousand homeless people gathered to-night shivering on the west of the city, or housed in homes in the part of the city which lies high and dry on the hills. The river is falling rapidly to-night.



ROSSLAND & TRAIL CREEK Mining Company.

E. G. Wiswell has been appointed agent in Brandon for the celebrated ROSSLAND & TRAIL CREEK MINING GROUP, incorporated under the above title, which consists of the following well known properties:

The ISLAND BELLE, GOLDEN CROWN, ROBERT BRUCE, FREE SHAVER, SOUTHAMPTON and EMMA C.

All of which belong to the Rossland & Trail Creek Mining Co., making a strong company, as all the property has been fully paid for and several thousand dollars worth of roads and development work done, which was also paid for by the promoters. The Company did not offer one share of stock for sale till it was satisfied that they had sufficient showing to secure a shipping mine; which fact is now assured as they have now completed fifty feet of shaft work on the Golden Crown, which shows up a splendid body of ores and the management will now commence running the working tunnel, which will tap the vein at a lower level, and the best of experts of the camp predict that the Golden Crown will soon be a shipping mine.

There has also been a crosscut made on the Island Belle to catch the lead from the South Bend, which now shows up the Island Belle sufficiently to push further development with almost positive assurance of getting a shipping mine.

The Golden Crown, Island Belle and Robert Bruce are adjoining claims and are separated from the other three by the South Bend, Gold Dollar and Albany. The ledge from the Deadwood, which adjoins the Golden Crown on the west, and which is owned by C. W. Callaghan, the well-known mining expert, runs clear across the Robert Bruce, and one of the ledges from the South Bend through the Free Silver. The Emma C. has the Albany ledge which can be traced to the Imperial and G. R. Sovereign names, and there is a good surface showing on the Southampton.

All six of these claims are in this one

Company and purchasers of stock get an interest in all, which, taken into consideration with the fact that the Company is only stocked for \$1,000,000 with \$250,000 as treasury stock to be used for development, makes one of the best buys ever offered to the public.

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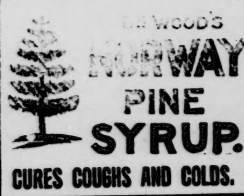
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WHEN THE SULTAN GOES TO ISPAHAN.

When the Sultan Shah Zaman goes to the city Ispahan, Even before he gets so far As the place where the clustered palm trees are.

At the last of the thirty palace gates, The flower of the harem, Rose-in-sham, Orders a feast in his favorite room. Glistening squares of colored ice, Brewed with spiced, tinkered with spice.

Creams and cordials and sugared dates, Lyman apples, olivaceous cucumbers, Limes and citrons and apricots, And wines that are known to eastern princes.

And Nubian slaves and smoking pots Of spiced meats and costliest fish, And all that the curious palate could wish.

Pass in and out of the cedarn doors, Scattered over mosaic floors, Are anemones, myrtles and violets, And a musical fountain throws its jets Of a hundred colors into the air.

The dusk sultana loosens her hair, And stains with a henna paint the tips Of her pointed nails and bits her lips Till they bloom again, but, alas, that rose Not for the Sultan Shah Zaman, Not for the Sultan Shah Zaman, When he goes to the city Ispahan!

Then, at a wave of her sunny hand, The dancing girls of Samarkand, Gliss in like ships from fairyland, Making a sudden mist in air Of jeweled veils and floating hair.

And white arms lifted, Orient blood Runs in their veins, shines in their eyes. And there, in the eastern paradise, Filled with the breath of sandalwood, And khoben musk and aloes and myrrh, And Rose-in-sham on silk divan, Sipping the wines of Astrakhan, And her Arab lover sits with her. That's when the Sultan Shah Zaman Goes to the city Ispahan.

Now when I see an extra light, Flaming, flickering on the night, From my neighbor's casement opposite, I know as well as I know to pray, I know as well as a tongue can say, That the innocent Sultan Shah Zaman Has gone to the city Ispahan.

IN A PUNT.

One evening, when I had returned all alone and very weary, painfully pulling my heavy boat, which I used every night, I paused a few seconds to take breath near the edge of some reeds. The weather was glorious, the moon was radiant, the river sparkled, the air was cool and sweet. This tranquility tempted me, and I thought it would be very pleasant to smoke my pipe in this place. The action followed the thought. I seized my anchor and cast it into the river. The punt, which floated with the current, drifted as far as the end of its chain, and then stood still. I seated myself in the stern on my sheepskin as comfortably as possible.

I heard nothing, not a sound, only at intervals I imagined I heard a slight, almost inaudible, splash of the water against the shore, and I saw clusters of tall reeds which assumed surprising shapes and seemed as if they were to stir. The river was perfectly quiet, but I felt agitated by the extraordinary stillness which surrounded me. All creatures—the frogs and toads, those nocturnal singers of the marshes—were silent. Suddenly at my right, close to me, a frog croaked. I shuddered. It ceased, and I heard nothing more and resolved to smoke to divert my mind. Yet, although I was a notorious and confirmed smoker, I could not smoke. With a second puff, I changed my mind and stopped.

I began to recite verses. The sound of my voice was painful. Then I stretched myself out in the bottom of the boat and watched the sky. For some time I remained at ease, but soon light movements of the boat disturbed me. It seemed as if it was making gigantic lurches, touching alternately the two banks of the river, then I thought that some being or invisible force drew it gently to the bottom of the water, then, raising it, let it fall once more. I was tossed about as though in the midst of a tempest. I heard sounds around me. I rose with a bound. The water was gleaming. All was quiet.

I saw that my nerves were somewhat shaken, and I determined to be off. I pulled at the chain, the punt began to move, then I felt a resistance. I pulled harder, but the anchor did not come. It had caught on something at the bottom of the river, and I could not lift it. I once more commenced to pull, but in vain. Then with my oars I turned the boat up stream in order to change the position of the anchor. This was useless; it still held fast. I was seized with anger and shook the chain furiously. Nothing moved. I sat down discouraged and began to reflect upon my position.

I could not think of breaking the chain or of separating it from the boat, for it was very heavy and riveted in the bow to a piece of wood thicker than my arm. But as the weather was so very fair, I thought that I should not remain long without encountering some fisherman who would come to my relief. My misadventure calmed me. I sat down, and at last was able to smoke my pipe. I had a bottle of rum. I drank two or three glasses and was compelled to laugh at my situation.

It was very warm, so that I could, if necessary, without great discomfort, pass the night in the beautiful starlight. Suddenly a soft rapped against the side of the boat. I started, and a cold sweat froze me from head to foot. This sound doubtless came from some piece of wood borne by the current, but it was enough, and I was again possessed by a strange nervous agitation. I grasped the chain and strained with a desperate effort. The anchor held firm. I sat down exhausted.

Meanwhile the river had gradually become covered by a very thick white mist which hung very low over the water, so that, standing, I could no longer see the river, or my feet, or the boat, but only the tops of the reeds, and in the distance the lowland, white in the moonlight, and from it great black spots, formed by clumps of Lombardy poplars, arose in the sky. I was wrapped in my waist as if in a muslin sheet of singular whiteness, and fantastic visions came to me.

I fancied that some one whom I could not distinguish was trying to climb into my boat, and that the river, hidden in this opaque mist, must be filled with these strange beings who swim around me. I felt a horrible disquietude; my temples were tightly bound; the beating of my heart almost choked me, and, losing control of myself, I thought of

saving myself by swimming, but immediately this idea made me shudder with fear. I could see myself lost, wandering at random in that thick fog, in the midst of the grasses and reeds from which I could not free myself, quivering with fear, unable to see the shore or to find my boat, and I imagined I could feel myself drawn by my feet to the very bottom of this black water.

Indeed, as I should have been compelled to struggle against the current for at least 500 yards before reaching a point free from grass and rushes where I might gain a foothold, there were nine chances out of ten that I should not be able to find my way in this obscurity, and that I should be drowned, good swimmer as I was.

I tried to reason with myself. I determined not to be afraid, but there was something in me besides my will, and this other thing was afraid. I asked myself what there was to fear. My brave I jeered at my poltroon I, and never so well as on that day have I understood the conflict of the two beings that exist in us—the one willing, the other resisting, and each in turn prevailing.

This foolish and inexplicable fear continually increased till it became terror. I remained immovable, with wide open eyes and expectant ear. Of what? I knew not in the least, but of something terrible. I believe that if a fish had thought of springing out of water, as often happens, no more would have been needed to make me fall stiff and insensible.

Nevertheless, by a violent effort, I succeeded in gradually recovering my lost reason. I took again my bottle of rum and drank deep draughts. Then the idea occurred to me, and I began to shout with all my strength, turning successively to the four points of the horizon. When my throat was absolutely paralyzed, I heard a dog barking in the distance.

I drank again and stretched myself at full length on the bottom of the boat. I remained thus for perhaps an hour, perhaps two, without sleeping, with eyes wide open, and with terrors around me. I dared not rise, yet I wished intensely to do so. I put it off from minute to minute. I said to myself, "Come, stand up," and I was afraid to make a movement. At last I raised myself with infinite precautions, as if my life depended on the slightest sound I might make, and looked over the side of the boat.

I was dazzled by the most marvelous, the most astonishing sight that could possibly be seen. It was one of those phantasmagoria of fairyland, one of those visions related by voyagers who return from afar, and which we hear without believing.

The mist, which for two hours before was floating on the river, had gradually receded and gathered on the river banks. Leaving the stream entirely clear, it had formed on each shore an unbroken bank six or seven yards in height, which gleamed beneath the moon with the superb brilliancy of snow. Thus, not a thing was visible save the river flashing with fiery lights. Between these two white hills of mist, and high overhead hung full and large a majestic, luminous moon in the midst of a black sky dotted with stars.

All the creatures of the water were awake. The frogs were croaking furiously, while at intervals, now at the right, now at the left, I heard the short, monotonous, melancholy note which the ringing voices of the toads uttered to the stars. Strangely I was no longer afraid. I was surrounded by a scene so extraordinary that the most striking singularities had no power to astonish me.

How long this lasted I know not, for I had ended by falling asleep. When I opened my eyes, the moon had set, the sky was covered with clouds, the water rippled mournfully, the wind was blowing, it was cold, and the darkness was profound.

I drank what remained of my rum, then I listened, shivering with cold, to the rustling of the reeds and the sinister sound of the river. I tried to see, but I could not distinguish the boat nor even my hands, which I held before my eyes.

Gradually, however, the thick darkness diminished. Suddenly I seemed to feel a shadow gliding very near me. I uttered a cry and a voice answered. It was a fisherman. I called to him. He drew near, and I told him of my misadventure. He then pulled his boat alongside mine, and we both strained at the chain. The anchor did not move. Day dawned, somber, gray, rainy, cold—one of those days which bring one gloom and misfortune.

I perceived another boat. We hailed it. The man who rowed it united his efforts with ours. Then, little by little, the anchor yielded. It came up but slowly and burdened with a considerable weight. At length we saw a dark mass, and we drew it into my boat.

It was the body of an old woman, with a stone fastened to the neck.—Guy de Maupassant.

Homes Under the Ground.
In the salt district in Cheshire, England, the brine has been pumped so continuously out of the earth that the land has settled very considerably. The houses naturally sink with the earth, and in some of the streets in Northwich only the roofs are visible. The houses are uninhabited, although the rooms are underground. In a great many cases additional stories have been added, so that by living in the upper rooms the residents may have some light and air. The roadsways sink, too, but are kept up to the proper level by the government.—New York Sun.

He Wondered Why.
Miss Oldfriend—I declare, I begin to feel that I am growing old. It's really unpleasant.
Mr. B. Sharpe—Yes, dear. It must be especially so for one who has been young so long.
(And he wondered why she was of-fended.)—Boston Globe.

THE GODS ARE DEAD.

The gods are dead? Perhaps they are! Who knows? Living at least in Lempriere undeleted, The wise, the fair, the awful, the jocose, Are one and all, I like to think retired In some still land of lilacs and the rose.

Once high they sat, and high o'er earthly things, With sacrificial dance and song were greeted, Once, long ago, but now the story goes, The gods are dead.

It must be true. The world, a world of prose, Full crammed with facts, in science swathed and sheathed, Kicks in a stertorous after dinner dose, Pleasant and sad, in every wind that blows Who will may hear the sorry words repeated.

The gods are dead.
—W. E. Henley in New York Times.

WARNED IN VAIN.

Aunt Jerusha had never seen nor heard of the above, so she flung up the window and popped out her head with the grace and spring of a mechanical toy.

"Laws! Mercy sakes! Waal, I never in all my life! If that don't beat the Dutch!"

Aunt Jerusha's vis-a-vis at the table near the window she had so unceremoniously flung up was a handsome young man—an artist, in fact—who had come to Seaside to sketch. He took no trouble to explain himself to the villagers, but dropped as simply as possible into the simplicity of its life.

"Mrs. Spearminst," he said mildly, "if you will close that window my backbeats and sausage will be much warmer."

"Oh, but sakes alive!" she responded. "Do look quick and never mind your backbeats. Ain't that the curiousest thing you ever did see in all your born days—and there ain't the shadder of a horse to it."

Vilas Stanfield grew interested. He tore himself from his backbeats and projected his head from the window, staring down the narrow by street on which Aunt Jerusha lived with the true Seaside stare.

"Caesar's ghost!" "What! Be it a ghost?" asked Aunt Jerusha, yanking in her head and looking keenly at him, as if one or the other of them might be growing crazy.

"I might have known that no one but Miss Waterloo would have ventured into this region with an automobile tillbury. That bridge will never hold her." And seizing his hat, he rushed out of the house and down the narrow elm shaded street after the horseless carriage. "Whatever has struck that man?" cried Aunt Jerusha, bringing down the window with a bang, now that the show was out of sight. "What did he call it? Waterloo, was it? Wait till I go tell Susan Sparhawk I've seen a Waterloo, and she'll hurried next door with this Wellingtonian or Napoleonic piece of news."

The news affected the Sparhawk as it had Aunt Jerusha. They threw up the window and ejected their heads, but with no satisfactory result. Sam caught up his hat and rushed down the street after the car. He turned white as he sprang along in the wake of the automobile tillbury at a college acquired gait. It was a very choice vehicle, chambered in dark green and upholstered in russet leather. In the middle of the seat, dressed in dark green and russet, to match the tillbury, was a very young woman manuevering the motor as if her only desire was to keep her turnout at the top of its speed.

Vilas Stanfield could not overtake it. He called. He flung pebbles at it. He whistled. It splashed through the puddles and bumped over the inequalities of the village byroad as if nothing would be allowed to stop it. In a moment it would be upon a bridge, a crumbling bit of antique architecture that Seaside had clung to as a foot-way long after they knew it was unable to hold even the doctor's chaise. Recent heavy rains had now all but washed away its supports. The automobile tillbury was as surely headed for an accident as any whirling express with a bowlder on the tracks. He turned white and whistled again, this time the tune he and she had sung in duet, as with this same horseless tillbury they had rolled along the hard, broad roads in southwest England.

She still whistled on. He put his fingers to his lips and increased the strength of the whistle. She stopped, the wheels of her carriage on the very edge of the decrepit bridge—turning white, too, but not because of the danger. "Mr. Stanfield," she said severely as he came up, "may I ask what this means?" "Certainly," he said, touching his hat. "You can't cross that bridge. It's not safe even for foot passengers. I saw you from my boarding house window, and I came to tell you."

"Very kind, I'm sure," she said, with a little less of her russet feathers, "but I've no wish to have you save my life a second time. We have enough of that melodrama at Bude," and she put her hands on the motor handles again. "I'm in earnest, Miss Waterloo. You must not cross that bridge unless you want to be drowned."

"I'm in earnest too. I shall cross that bridge, and I won't have you save my life. The obligations of having you save me at Bude is enough."

"Very well," he replied in a hard, crisp tone. "I won't save it, then. But here comes a man whom I know. Sam," he called, "show this lady how to get across by the other bridge," and, resuming his hat, he walked rapidly back to the village.

"It's nonsense," cried Miss Waterloo as soon as Vilas Stanfield was out of sight. "Of course I can go over this bridge. I have crossed two this morning that were quite as bad."

"'twere the stones. I'll show you the way 'round by the other one."

"I haven't time," she said, glancing at the tiny chateaux watch at her jacket lapel. "I've lost over five minutes now, and I'm racing and must get back to Steepleton as fast as I can." And once more taking the motor she shot across the bridge almost to the other side, when there was a waver, a crash, a collapse, and Miss Waterloo and her tillbury automobile disappeared with the bridge.

"Iswan!" exclaimed Sam, "Iswan!" And, flinging off his coat, he managed to pick and scramble his way across the stream to her rescue.

"That's right," he called cheerfully. "Just sit quiet, and I'll give you a pull on to dry land. The thing wouldn't make such a bad boat if it hadn't wheels and had sides and would float." And he gave the tillbury a strong twitch toward shore as she gathered herself together and tottered to her feet.

"Don't do that," she cried. "I'm killed as it is, and it shakes so!" "The young fellow knewed, didn't he?" said Sam, discounting his jerks upon the carriage.

"Oh, yes, I suppose so. Where did he live? Please take me to his place right away. I have no other friends anywhere about here, and my arm hurts me awfully." And in spite of her set lips she began to weep.

"Don't cry," said Sam sympathetically. "There's a nuf water in this here little stream sense the rain anyhow. Hold on a minute and I'll fish you out as fine as a new fiddle." And, seizing a plank, he extended it to her from the edge of the bank and pulled, tugged, splashed and dipped her out with it.

"Your queer buggy, or whatever it be, will have to wait there till I get some of the boys to give me a lift with it. Can you walk?" And he eyed his charge anxiously. "Cause if you can I'll gallant you to Aunt Jerusha's."

"Aunt Jerusha's?" "Yes, that's where she stays. It's just next door to us and 'twas her that came trotting in and told us 'bout you scud-din by like all possessed and no horses. So I grabbed my hat and came runnin up to see the show, but I didn't plan for no such grand one as this. How you gettin on? Can you walk?"

"I will try to," she said, stepping off very slowly and catching at his arm for support. "You don't mind allowing me your arm for a little while?"

"Oh, no—that is"—And he coughed violently as he stiffly projected his elbow. "I've gallanted girls before."

They made an odd pair for the village road. She, a cherry cheeked Seaside swain, wriggling with surplus attempts to be gallant and to nobly do his duty, yet growing still more cherry cheeked and wrigglesome as they came within reach of the village windows.

"There be Aunt Jerusha's right over there," he said. "She'll give you camp-fire or catnip or whatever it is you want I'll haf to go back and get my coat. Seems I forgot it." And dropping her from his arm he vanished around the barn, leaving her deserted opposite the brass knocker on Mrs. Spearminst's side door.

Miss Waterloo slowly crossed the by-street to the side door, and much dazed with the shock, pain and embarrassment of her condition, she raised the knocker and let it fall with a tap that brought Mrs. Spearminst to the door as if she had been waiting for it.

"Aunt Jerusha," said Miss Waterloo, for want of a more formal name, "is—does—Mr. Vilas Stanfield live here?" "He do at present, but he's just gone upland banded himself into what he calls his study."

"May I see him a moment—that is, I think you'll have to take me in. I've had an accident. I fell through the bridge and"— "Land o' Goshen! You don't say so! Waal, now, come right in this minute. I'm awful glad to see you, and so he'll be no doubt. Hurt, did you say? Poor thing, and you're all sorter dazed. I'll lend you my wrapper while you dry off. Maybe I'd better git a doctor?"

"If somebody would send a telegram for me," said Miss Waterloo, "I would"— "Wait! P'raps Mr. Stanfield will. He's an awful nice young man and as handsome as a picture." And showing an old fashioned rocker toward Miss Waterloo Mrs. Spearminst rushed up stairs to the studio.

"Mr. Stanfield?" "Is he asleep?" "No." "Waal, there's been an accident to the Waterloo, and she's down stairs wantin you to telegram."

The studio door flew open. Vilas was past Mrs. Spearminst and down the stairs, three steps at a time, but he did not telegraph. He got the automobile tillbury from the water. He hopped it up and rubbed it down till it looked as well as when it left the manufacturer. Then, because Miss Waterloo's arm was so out of order, he got into the horseless carriage beside her and took her to her home. Later he took her to his home.—Chicago News.

Curious Surnames.
Among the curious and suggestive surnames in a certain county in north Missouri are the following: Red, White, Blue, Green, Gray, Brown and Black. There are also Kings, Queens, Earls, Dukes, Marquises and Lords. In animated nature are to be found Wrens, Birds, Cows, Hawks and also Hawkins and Fowlers. Among quadrupeds are Wolfe, Lamb, Lyon, Bull, Stier and Redheffer. At one time, in a county in western Kansas, there lived Redwine, Sourbeor, Drybread and Pancake.—Chicago Tribune.

Its Recommendations.
A newly invented hatpin makes the following bid for feminine favor: "The patent stationary hat fastener, warranted to keep the hat on straight in a cable car when rounding curves."—Chicago Chronicle.

A VALUABLE GAMECOCK.

He Was Recently Purchased in England For \$1,000.

The most valuable gamecock in the world was recently purchased at Birmingham for \$1,000. This precious warrior was exhibited at the Birmingham poultry show two weeks ago by his breeder, Mr. Hugo Ainscough. He was then the cynosure of all eyes. It was generally agreed by the fanciers that at



A \$1,000 GAMECOCK.

fierce and strong a chicken had seldom if ever been seen. It was announced at the show that he had been sold for \$1,000, but so large is this price that the sale was not generally regarded as genuine until the name of the purchaser was announced. He is Captain Heaton of Worsley, near Manchester, a man of position and an enthusiastic breeder of game fowl.

The Birmingham bird belongs to the black and red class, which is considered to contain the most magnificent of fighting cocks. There is a belief generally entertained by fanciers that a considerable amount of any light color in a bird's feathers indicates a lack of courage. Black and red are both strong colors, supposed, and probably with good reason, to be the outward signs of a fierce temper.

This gamecock is of large size and perfectly proportioned. His reach is wonderful—that is to say, he has very long, powerful and supple legs, with which he can reach out and strike death to an ordinary bird before he can get near.

His body is broad and short. The upper parts of his legs are very thick and muscular. His neck is lithe and as sinuous as a snake. He carries his head in a way that bids defiance to the whole world, and his clear, glittering eyes knows neither fear nor mercy.

The gamecock's only interest in life is to put his fellow gamecock out of the way. He goes round forever spitting for a fight, and he frequently gets it.

Japanese Poultry.
Among domesticated birds the Japanese silver pheasant easily takes the first rank. Although a small bird, not larger than a bantam rooster, the tail feathers, as well as the end feathers of the wings, grow to a length of from 18 to 20 feet on the male birds. This bird, which in Japan is called Katsuraito-no-Chabo, is domesticated there like any ordinary chicken. The hens are good egg producers and hatchers, but in order to keep them small in size the Japanese will not allow them to hatch until late in the year. The birds are very game and proud and form the pride of the Japanese poultry raiser. The longer the tail is the more valuable the bird is considered to be.

Poultry Points.
Dampness causes leg weakness in ducks.

For large, heavy fowls have the roosts low.

Dry earth is a good material to scatter under the roosts.

Early hatched, well developed pullets make good winter layers.

When a thrifty bird is fully matured, it is easily fattened.

Stale bread soaked in milk is a good feed for young poultry.

Cleanliness and good feeding are the secrets of success with poultry.

Leghorns and Black Spanish lay eggs with the whitest shells of any breed.

On the average it will cost \$1 to keep a laying hen one year.

Foods that are rich in oil should not be fed to laying hens unless in small quantities and unless the weather is very cold.

Soft food is an excellent invigorator when fed warm on a cold winter morning.

Oilmeal, sunflower seed, hemp seed and buckwheat can all be used to good advantage in feeding fowls intended for exhibition.

Scald and allow to stand overnight in a place where they will not freeze. This is one of the best ways of feeding oats to poultry.

A cross of the Wyandottes and Langshans combines many good qualities that make a fowl valuable for market.

Lined meal brightens the plumage, regulates the bowels and promotes digestion. A gill to a dozen hens is sufficient.

Lack of variety will sometimes cause the hens to lose appetite. When they do not appear to relish their food, give them a change of diet.

The best way to dry pick fowls without tearing them is to pick them as soon as they are killed, while the body is yet warm.

PRESERVING EGGS.

The Latest Scientific Invention Now Undergoing a Test.

There are several systems of preserving eggs, any one of which will answer for certain purposes. These preservatives will keep the eggs in a fairly good condition for two or three months, but nature places a limit there, after which they begin to decay. The eggs which keep longer than meat or game simply because they are surrounded by a shell that is well high air tight. It is this prison wall which makes egg meat the best to keep for any lengthened period. But the shell is more or less porous, and it begins to absorb whatever it comes in contact with, and though the process is slow, it is very sure. The first essential thing to preserving eggs has consequently always been to make the shell as impervious to air and water as possible. Oil, lard, paraffin and similar substances were smeared over the eggs when fresh, and these helped to prolong their life. Later a man invented a patent paint, which was supposed for a time to be the best preservative.

Now an electrician has come to the front who proposes to place the eggs in a vacuum chamber when fresh, and then, instead of absorbing outside air, the eggs will give it out until they are practically free from all air. When they have been in the vacuum chamber 48 hours, they are to be painted with a composition that will keep them from absorbing any more air. But even at this stage decay has not been thoroughly arrested. The electrician then proposes to give them an electric bath. They are packed in barrels in which fresh water is poured, and a current of electricity is introduced sufficiently strong to destroy all animal life. All germs of decay are thus killed, and the eggs are ready for packing in sand or sawdust. As all decomposition has been destroyed and the paint preservative keeps out the poisonous air, the eggs are supposed to keep for many months as fresh as when first laid.

At present the methods of preserving eggs for market in winter are well understood. In the cold storage house they are kept at such a low temperature that decomposition is very slow. If they could be frozen, they would keep longer in this way, but the trouble is that the eggshells crack when they reach the freezing point. It is possible to preserve meats and poultry very well by this method, because no harm is done in freezing them.

The most acceptable system of preserving the eggs for a late market is to pack them away in lime water. This method is employed more extensively in Europe than in this country, and vast quantities of Italian and Danish eggs are shipped to the English markets in winter in this condition. The lime closes the shell from the outside air and water and at the same time destroys or keeps dormant any germs that might attack the egg.

DUCKS.

The Most Profitable and Satisfactory of the Domestic Poultry.

The duck has its own place among domestic poultry. It is a notorious scavenger, consuming anything and everything. Nothing comes amiss with the duck, only give it enough to satisfy its apparently insatiable hunger. But there is one thing about it—the duck is a loafer, doing nothing to pay for its board. It just jumps right at it and groves, and then, beginning in February or March, or even earlier, it lays an egg a day for four or five months, with surprising rapidity. A hen is pretty well satisfied to lay every other day and often takes a vacation over and above that, but the duck produces its large egg every day during the laying period. Boiled potatoes, turnips, beets or carrots should form the basis of the duck's diet, for the roots are bulky and cheap.

An excellent grain ration is made by mixing equal parts bran, ground oats and cornmeal. Combine this mixed grain ration with the boiled roots—the same quantity of roots as of grain—and a first rate meal for the duck will be obtained. One thing about this aquatic bird is its extreme timidity, and breeders are obliged to exercise care that nothing occurs to excite it. The least circumstance, as the presence in the pen of a mouse or cat or the shadow of a lantern, will produce a panic right away among a flock of ducks, and when frightened the whole flock crowds and jams itself into a dense bunch, in which individuals often get lame legs and become greatly incapacitated.

As far as the water privileges are concerned, the duck, though fond of bathing, will grow as well as fast with only water to drink as if it had the whole sea at its disposal; but, of course, to keep clean and to appear at its best in a natural element, the duck requires a pond or other fair sized body of water.

As to breed of ducks, there are many, all interesting, either from ornamental or practical standpoints or from both points of view—Rouen, Peking, Cayuga, Aylesbury, etc. The Rouen is the most beautiful of these, but by common consent the Peking is the most practical.

The Peking is the great duck for business, because it has received special attention in this direction. It has been bred for many decades to produce the most flesh and to make the best appearance when dressed. The Peking is well known. The commonest marks of impurity to be found in many flocks on the farm and elsewhere are very white, showy plumage and light, flesh colored bills. These two features are characteristic of the Aylesbury. The genuine Peking has a strong creamy tint of feather and a very deep yellow bill.

Gravel around the poultry house is an important factor. It keeps the yard dry. If gravel is not convenient, sand will answer the purpose pretty well. Something should be used for at least ten feet distant, on the south side of the house, to prevent the ground from getting maddy.

LOCAL NEWS

Brandon is going to have a gala time of it on Jubilee Day.

We regret to learn Mr. A. F. Sutherland lies dangerously ill.

W. Ferguson is rejoicing in the visit of a brand new son and heir.

On the 26th the Methodists will hold their annual district meeting here.

The Rev. H. J. King, of Rapid City, is shortly to be located at Oak Lake.

The wife and family of W. J. Lindsay have returned from Los Angeles, Cal.

W. D. Clement is removing to his new gallery in the Coombs & Stewart block.

The Polo Club were out in full paint and feathers on Friday looking for laurels.

J. H. Mason, Toronto, of the Canada Permanent Loan Co., was in the city last week.

Messrs. Nelson and Hoey, of Chater, have returned from a long visit to California.

Mr. V. Winteringham told a MAIL scribe he had all his wheat in on Saturday last.

The temperance societies of the city are organizing for a phrebotic campaign shortly.

Hennelberg's orchestra leaves for Souris to-morrow, where they will give a concert in the evening.

Business operations are in full swing again on the Morris-Brandon branch of the N.P.R. after the floods.

Mr. Marquis, the new manager of the Bank of B. N. A., has arrived from Trail, B. C., and is now in harness.

The Hon. T. Greenway was entertained by the Hunt Club in Toronto the other day. He is hunting still.

The band will give an open air concert on corner of 9th street and Rosser Avenue this evening, commencing at 7.30.

Justice is on the ascendant. A junior judge appeared at the residence of the Hon. Judge Cumberland one day last week.

Mr. W. W. Carruthers has returned from a long visit to friends in Ontario. He finds things considerably moss covered in that province.

Mrs. Farrar entertained the juniors of St. Matthews choir on Friday and they got over a lot of ground to say nothing of the cakes and other delicacies.

Howard Main is thoroughly overhauling, repapering and repainting the Merchants' Hotel. Mr. E. Leisau has gone over the Grand View in excellent style also.

The Boys' Brigade will give a drill on the Presbyterian church grounds at 10 o'clock Friday morning. They will march to the Industrial School. W. D. Clement will take a photograph of the company.

For sale at a bargain.—An eight roomed story and a half frame house in the best locality in the city. The price is low and terms of payment will be made to suit any one. Apply at the MAIL office.

The government's commission enquiring into the conduct of the post masters is now at Rapid City and will visit Brandon shortly. There are dozens of men here who can give them pointers if they want them.

Mr. Wm. Johnstone read last week's MAIL and shook his head at something he saw in it. Mr. Johnstone the public benefactor is one of those men who thinks the whole world ought to be satisfied with any tariff that enables him to make money.

Mr. W. D. Clement is now settled in his new studio in the Coombs & Stewart block, where with larger operating room and other conveniences he will be better fitted to engage in photographic work. He will be pleased to see all his old patrons, and others.

Miss Dr. McKellar, on furlough, of the India Missions, gave a very interesting talk on mission work on Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church. She also addressed a meeting in the Y.M.C.A. On Monday evening she gave another talk in the Presbyterian church.

"Jimmy Mulligan," who at one time gave the Brandon reformatory celebrity as being its only occupant, has got himself into trouble in Winnipeg for stealing. He ought to be brought back to the reformatory again as evidently he was not fully cured in his former visit.

The Democrat Contest given by the "Y" in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening was a very pleasing entertainment. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered, interspersed by the readings of the contestants. Miss Bessie Daniels was the winner of the medal.

The law office of Ewart, Fisher and Wilson, Winnipeg, appears to be the Vicar of Bray no matter what king reigns. In the contestation of the school case Mr. Ewart made a pot in contesting for the Catholics against the Local government, and now Mr. Fisher is going on the Hudson's Bay expedition for the government.

The report published in the Neepawa Register and copied by many provincial papers, that the Chilian Sandow, Alejo Gine, was killed recently while giving one of his exhibitions of strength, is not correct, as he was exhibiting at Boisvein about the time he was reported killed, and last week he was in S. uris.

A well known Toronto lady, to whom a bachelor is an abhorrence, proposes that all eligible young people throughout Her Majesty's dominion should "swear an oath and keep it with an equal mind," to enter the holy estate of matrimony on the 21st day of June, 1897, and thus honor the day in a way which the wholesale match maker thinks will be very acceptable to the Queen; that all unmarried people who are at all eligible should unite to rid the land of a "pestilence" of old maids and bachelors; and thus helping to bring about a state of affairs that at least border on the millennium.

They are talking of prorogation on the 15th of June, at Ottawa.

CLEARING OUT.

As the entire stock of the MAIL book store must be sold or shipped before the 15th inst, there are but a few days for the greatest bargains of the day in wall paper, general stationery, etc., etc.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

As we are closing up the entire business of the MAIL newspaper and book store by the 12th inst, it is very necessary that all accounts sent out should be balanced by that date. This is the longest time we can give.

MINING NEWS

Any one wanting the most reliable mining news of British Columbia should subscribe for the Mining Review, of Sandon, B.C., to be edited by Mr. Cliff, of the MAIL. Subscriptions will be taken at the MAIL office, Brandon, up to the 15th inst., after that it will be necessary to write to Sandon. The public can rely on always getting in the Review the best possible information concerning the country, its openings and resources, obtainable.

TRIANGULAR CONTEST.

Virden, May 1.—The Patron convention was held to-day at Virden. There was a crowded meeting, and three candidates were nominated: Jas. Elder, R. Forke, and J. W. Scallion. The first ballot gave Elder 17, Forke 15, and Scallion 14. Scallion dropped out and the second ballot gave Elder 26 and Forke 20. Elder was then made the unanimous choice of the convention. This makes another triangular fight in Dennis with the following candidates: Conservative, Jas. C. Simpson; Liberal, W. J. Kennedy; Patron, Jas. Elder.

S. O. E. B. S.

The Sons of England throughout the world will on the 29th June, next, the Diamond Jubilee of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, hold a special religious service. As the sun passes the meridian of four o'clock it will find each lodge singing the National Anthem.

All the sister lodges of Brandon have been invited to join in the service which will likely be too numerous to attend to be accommodated in any building.

It has been suggested that the school children and city choirs be asked to join in the singing of "Old Hundred," "God Save the Queen" and "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended." If this can be arranged a very fine chorus will be heard, and the society will be accomplishing an object in arousing a patriotic feeling on this august occasion.

The first of these services will be held in the Fiji Islands, then in New Zealand, Australia, Straits Settlements, India, Mauritius, Arabia, Egypt, South Africa, Malta, Spain West Africa, Mid Atlantic (on British ships at sea), Newfoundland, Canada; the Victoria, B.C., lodge being the last in the Empire. The idea is a very happy one and there will hardly be a minute in the day that the strains of that grand old hymn will not be rising the echoes somewhere in the Queen's dominions.

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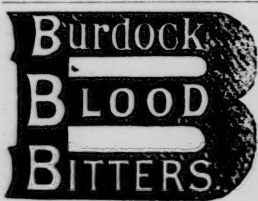
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THE ARTS ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

A meeting of the Directors of the Association was held in the Council Chamber in the city hall on Thursday, the 29th.

Present, Messrs. Bedford, Fleming, Matheson, Leech, Lindsay, Christie, Ferguson, Kelly, McPhail, Reid, Vantassel, Patmore and the Sec.-Treas.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Polo Club asking for the use of the grounds on July 1st.

A report from Printing and Advertising Committee was read and adopted.

A report from committee to arrange excursion rates was received and adopted.

A report from Prize List Committee Horticultural Department was received and adopted.

A report from committee to name directors to have charge of different departments on days of shows was read and adopted.

A deputation from Horticultural Society composed of Messrs. Hesson and Middleton addressed the board in reference to prize list, etc., and stated also if matters could be arranged satisfactorily that instead of the Horticultural Society giving a show this year they would assist the Agricultural and Arts Association.

MOTIONS.

Fleming—Matheson—That report of Horticultural department of prize list amounting to \$199.75 be adopted.—Carried.

Lindsay—Fleming—That Mr. Leech be added to committee to arrange excursion rates.—Carried.

Fleming—Matheson—That the polo club be granted the use of grounds for July 1st free of charge on condition that they give a match game of polo on one of the days of the fair.—Carried.

Leech—Matheson—That the President, Messrs. Fleming, Reid, Hall, McPhail and Vantassel be a standing committee to canvas and secure donations from municipalities.—Carried.

McPhail—Christie—That the secretary be instructed to have the minutes of the directors meeting inserted in all the local papers.—Carried.

Fleming—Kelly—That the grounds committee be instructed to proceed at once to have the stables repaired at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars, also to hire a competent man to take charge of the grounds and be employed repairing fences, etc., also that the grounds committee be asked to report as to the advisability of purchasing the turf club grounds or a portion of the same.—Carried.

On motion meeting adjourned until Thursday afternoon, May 15th at 3.30.

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You will be losing an opportunity that will not occur again this spring if you do not act at once. Some friend will be showing you some Rare Bargains they secured here from the "McMaster Bankrupt Stock.

Choice Table Linens, Choice Towelings, Choice White and Colored Bed Quilts, Choice Sheetings, Pillow Cottons or other Staple Goods which they got at about HALF PRICE. Prompt action now will make dollars for you.

We would like to have you compare our Spring Suits and Overcoats with any goods in Manitoba for quality, style and value.

Comparison is what we seek. Quality for quality, price for price in every department of the Great Store.

Just a sprinkling of Furs and other winter goods left; will turn them over to you at one half manufacturers cost to produce by calling at once.

We are as busy as nailers opening up New Goods of every good kind from all parts of the world. You will find a wealth of newness and variety in every department of the Big Store that you will look in vain for elsewhere.

A Great Many People

Have secured their Spring Carpets during the great discount sale. We would just remind those that have not yet taken advantage of it that the sale is nearing a close.

You had better investigate Carpet Prices here.

Ladies' Parlor Writing Desk this week \$3.90, regular price \$5.75.

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